

which is composed of former graduates of this course, and Dr. Ordway, Dean of the Albany Medical College, gave a talk on Medical Education, pointing out the need for medical universities as well as for the Medical-Hospital School.

At the close of Dr. Ordway's address, the Association elected the following as its officers:

Dr. J. W. Wilson, Albany, President; Dr. D. J. Hannan, Troy, Vice-President; Dr. W. G. Keens, Albany, Secretary and Treasurer.

Dr. Duryee was reelected as Honorary President.

The retiring President, in his address to the Health Officers in New York State, touched on the question of the shortage of physicians in rural areas, and the problem of the physician in connection with the State Narcotic Law. He pointed out that there is an ample supply of physicians in all parts of the state during the summer months and that, if the roads were kept open in the winter, all calls could be made by the country physician.



STATE HEALTH NOTES

General

Dr. LeRoy K. Wilkes, who, as first full-time medical director of the Trenton, N. J., public schools, carried through a plan of health teaching in the classroom which enlisted the interest and support of the entire community and attracted nation-wide attention among educational and health authorities as well, has transferred his activities to a national field. He has been appointed an Associate Director of Medical Service of the American Child Health Association, which is working for the improvement of methods and standards of child health care throughout the country. Dr. Wilkes assumed his new duties in June.



Illinois

A field physician of the state department of public health recently succeeded in persuading a newly elected mayor of a down-state municipality to recall a chiropractor who had been appointed on the local board of health. Two physicians who had been appointed on the same board declined to serve with the chiropractor. The state department of public health took the position that it neither had nor sought to secure the power or privilege of dictating the color of local boards of health but that it looked with distinct ill favor upon the official participation of chiropractors in public health matters and that in case of untoward communicable disease development under the administration of chiropractice boards of health the department would be prompt in exercising its legal power to take charge of the situation at local expense.

Legislative action in reducing the appropriation for district health superintendents from \$200,000 to \$60,000 for the biennium has seriously crippled the medical field staff of the department. Six or seven field physicians are all that can be retained from the organization of twenty.



The General Assembly declined to accept federal aid funds available to Illinois under the Sheppard-Towner Act. This made it necessary for the State Treasurer and Director of Public Health to return to Washington a check for something over \$19,000 which had lain in the treasurer's office for several months awaiting legislative action. It means also that about \$50,000 will be declined annually for maternity and infant hygiene service.



A bill providing for the acceptance of federal aid in social hygiene service failed to pass the legislature. About \$15,000 annually was available. Heretofore Illinois has been coöperating with the federal government in social hygiene service. Failure to get the federal aid funds coupled with a cut of \$28,100 from the last preceding appropriation limits considerably the extent of functions of the division for the current biennium.



At a conference between state and local health officials and representatives of every Cook county community along the DesPlaines river, which was recently held in Oak Park, ways and means for carrying out a successful anti-mosquito campaign were discussed. The plan involves an organization to be known as

the DesPlaines Anti-Mosquito League which will be made up of officials and interested citizens from all the Cook county territory along the DesPlaines river. Definite plans were discussed and the war against the culex will soon be under way.



According to the most recent statistical data given out by the State Department of Public Health the Illinois mortality from typhoid fever fell from 389 deaths in 1921 to 282 in 1922. This is the greatest annual reduction in deaths from typhoid fever that has been shown in recent years in the state and is believed to be due in large part to the prompt epidemiological service done by the district health superintendents. Definite declines took place also in the mortality rates from all other major communicable diseases with the exception of pneumonia and influenza, these two diseases having caused 2,199 more fatalities in 1922 than in the year before. Pneumonia and influenza excepted, there were 812 fewer deaths (or the difference between 9,023 and 8,211) from the principal communicable diseases in Illinois during 1922 than during 1921. Including pneumonia and influenza there were 1,387 more deaths in the state from the diseases under consideration during last year than during the year before.



New York

Dr. F. F. Fronczak, Health Commissioner of Buffalo, is leaving for Europe to attend the Strasbourg Centennial and will also visit Poland. Dr. Fronczak will doubtless bring back to the readers of our journal many news items of interest.



Brooklyn is to hold a Safety, Health and Sanitation Exhibition at the 106th Infantry Armory from October 20 to 27. This exhibition is being held for the purpose of reducing preventable deaths, accidents, property destruction and disease, through the application of modern protective devices and methods. Headquarters are now at 371 Fulton St., Brooklyn.



New Jersey

Dr. J. C. Price, Director of Health of New Jersey, was welcomed by the staff of the Department on June 14, when he returned from his six weeks' vacation in Europe. He visited England, France and

Switzerland and had an opportunity to visit the battle fields while on his trip.



The Camden City Commission has had made a municipal survey. The recommendations included a reorganization of all health work and the creation of a Bureau of Health under the direction of a full-time adequately trained health officer, fully responsible for all activities of the Bureau and free from political interference. The organization of the Bureau of Health, as recommended, includes a Division of Vital Statistics and Bureaus of Preventable Diseases, Child Hygiene, Sanitation, Hospital and Laboratory. It is expected that the reorganization will be accomplished within a short time along the lines laid down in the report.



A group of five municipalities, known as the Oranges, support jointly through the health boards a venereal disease clinic and a social service department. At the request of the clinic committee of the health officers of the Oranges, Dr. Walter M. Brunet of the American Social Hygiene Association made a survey of the facilities and needs of the municipalities. In a report of his survey Dr. Brunet recommended: the creation of general committee to keep in touch with conditions and to support the health officials; hospital facilities for venereal cases; provisions for institutional care of refractory delinquents; increased accommodations for the clinic; municipal ordinances requiring local reporting of venereal disease; and the appointment of a committee of the local medical society to consult with the health officers on medical problems.



The State Normal School at Trenton has established a demonstration Baby Keep-Well Station in the school which serves two purposes. All prospective child hygiene nurses, before assignment to districts under the state program, are required to undergo a post-graduate course at the station in order to learn the methods and purposes of the work and the policies of the Bureau of Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health. At the same time the Normal School students learn the value of the continuous child hygiene program as well as school child nursing and inspection service.

Warren county was stirred with unusual excitement through the discovery and later, the escape of a case of smallpox. The patient was a negro who came from Virginia to work with a road construction gang. On May 9, he felt ill and asked to see a physician. A physician who happened to be passing diagnosed his case as mild smallpox, which in itself was sufficient to stir a quiet community. Unfortunately, the patient heard of the diagnosis, and promptly disappeared in the direction of Belvidere, New Jersey. A search was at once begun but failed to detect the runaway.

On Tuesday, May 10, he appeared at Carpenterville. Not suspecting the dangerous condition of the new arrival, a local company gave him work at the lime kiln. The next morning he asked for his pay but while a check was being prepared he suddenly disappeared a second time. When the local ferryman who had just taken him across the Delaware river into Pennsylvania, without a suspicion of the nature of his cargo, returned he found the town highly excited. The story of the smallpox case had just been learned, and too late it was realized that the infected man had just spent two days with them. Prompt use of the telephone by the ferryman resulted in his capture at Doyleston, Pa. All exposed persons at Hope and Carpentersville, about forty-four in all, were at once vaccinated and it is believed that no serious results will ensue.

Pennsylvania

Dr. Witherow Morse, Professor of Physiological Chemistry in West Virginia University School of Medicine, has accepted the position of Professor of Physiological Chemistry and Toxicology in the Jefferson Medical College.

Oregon

Governor Pierce has reappointed Dr. W. B. Morse as member of the State Board of Health, and has made two new appointments, Dr. William T. Phy and Dr. C. M. Barbee.

Virginia

A meeting for the reorganization of the Virginia Public Health Association was held at Richmond in April. The Association has a very ambitious program including demonstration schools for dairy and food inspectors, scoring of dairies, etc. The officers are: Pow-

hatan S. Schenck, M.D., Norfolk, Va., president; Roy K. Flannagan, M.D., Richmond, Va., vice-president; W. S. Keister, M.D., Charlottesville, Va., vice-president; Lonsdale J. Roper, M.D., Portsmouth, Va., secretary-treasurer; Robert A. Martin, M.D., Petersburg, Va., assistant secretary-treasurer.

Wisconsin

Dr. A. H. Broche, Health Commissioner of Oshkosh, Wis., has been made director of the Oshkosh State Coöperative Laboratory. William C. Sieker has resigned as health officer of Shorewood, a Milwaukee suburb, where he successfully applied an original health inspection policy typified by the slogan, "Isolate first and diagnose afterwards."

In enacting the State Board of Health's biennial appropriation, the Wisconsin Legislature increased the grant for the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, making possible the addition of one full-time engineer after July 1, and two assistants for summer work in matters of water supply, sewage disposal and industrial waste.

Provisions of the Sheppard-Towner Act have been accepted for Wisconsin by the Legislature, and the Federal grant of \$27,751 annually becomes available by reason of the matching of Federal funds by the State, in addition to \$5000 per year received unconditionally. The money will help finance definite undertakings, including the operation of the Child Welfare Special, the State Board of Health's motorized health center, and of county health centers, of which 16 have been established to date. These are activities of the Bureau of Child Welfare.

The bill repealing the compulsory feature in the smallpox vaccination law as applied to school attendance, which became one of the most bitterly contested measures in the Legislature, finally was killed in the Senate after passing the Assembly by a big majority. Bills opening hospitals to any licensed physician, regardless of existing hospital rules, on penalty of forfeiture of the hospital's tax exemption privilege, and permitting any unregistered nurse to practice in hospitals on the same footing with registered nurses, were killed. A bill to abolish the position of deputy state health officer also met defeat.

CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

This calendar is published through the co-operation of the National Health Council, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York City. The Council will be glad to answer promptly any written or telegraphic inquiries regarding meeting dates in order to avoid conflicts.

July 30-August 4, American Home Economics Association, Chicago, Ill.

August 28-31, National Medical Association, St. Louis, Mo.

September 4-14, National Women's Christian Temperance Union, Columbus, Ohio.

September 10-14, American Dental Association, Cleveland, Ohio.

September 19-21, American Association of Obstetricians, Gynecologists and Abdominal Surgeons, Philadelphia, Pa.

September 24-27, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

September 28-October 1, Association of Dairy and Milk Inspectors, Washington, D. C.

September, American Electro-Therapeutic Association, Providence, R. I.

September, American Roentgen Ray Society, Chicago, Ill.

October 1-3, American Association of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons, Buffalo, N. Y.

October 1-5, National Safety Council, Buffalo, N. Y.

October 4-6, Association of Military Surgeons of United States, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

October 8-11, American Public Health Association, Boston, Mass.

October 15-17, American Child Health Association, Detroit, Mich.

October 17-19, American Association of Railway Surgeons, Chicago, Ill.

October 22-26, American College of Surgeons, Chicago, Ill.

October 29, American Hospital Association, Milwaukee, Wis.

October —, American Acad. of Oph. and Oto-Laryngology, Washington, D. C.

November 12-15, Southern Medical Association, Washington, D. C.

FOREIGN MEETINGS

July 23-25, Congress on Cancer Research, Strasbourg.

June-October, Pasteur Centennial, Strasbourg.

September—Association internationale de pediatrie, Brussels.

VALUE OF FELLOWSHIP

The following is a clipping from the Daily Press of Pasadena, Texas, and shows that one of the objects sought in the reorganization scheme has become an accomplished fact:

"Dr. A. F. Flickwir, City Health Officer, has been appointed a fellow of the American Public Health Association. This honor is conferred on public health officers who are members of the Association and have done some distinctive public health work, it was stated."



Kansas

A series of seventeen Child Health Conferences have been arranged by the Ottawa County Health Department for the infants and children under six years of age. The majority of these conferences will be at one-room schools in strictly rural communities, and at some of the conferences that have already been held mothers have come from as far as five or six miles. Unusual interest is being manifested throughout the county in this type of work.

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